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John Greenwood House
Chestertown
private

c. 1867

Presently on the road to restoration at the hands of a local preservation corporation, the Greenwood ~~z~~ House has been radically altered and had its L wing buttned away in the late 1960's. In ~~x~~ its original form, it was a small scale version of the Burchinal House diagonally across Maple Avenue. ~~It ~~x~~ix~~
It is an essentially ~~Greek~~ Greek Revival style 3-bay frame house with a low hip roof: in its original form there was a prominent cupola on the deck of the hip.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

John Greenwood House

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

126 Queen Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

—OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☒ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER to be

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Preservation, Incorporated

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 420

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: ~~New reference~~ EHP 69

Folio #: ~~forthcoming~~ 612

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☒ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

126 Queen Street is located on the northwest side of Queen Street, one door down from its intersection with Maple Avenue in Chestertown. It is situated on a piece of Town Lot 29.

It is a 3 bay by 2 bay, 2-story mid-nineteenth century frame house with a low hip roof, built on an L-plan with the L-wing squared to the southwest elevation. It is in an advanced state of disrepair, having suffered a fire within the last decade which totally destroyed its L-wing. It has recently been purchased by a private preservation corporation, who plan to restore it to its original, essentially Greek Revival, style. The house appears to be a small-scale version of the Burchinal House, diagonally across on Maple Avenue; both houses were built sometime in the late 1860's.

The house is presently covered with cedar shingles which cover its original clapboard. The shingles cover at least one window (in the southwest-left elevation) and pilasters which originally trimmed at least three of the house's corners.

It sits on a low brick basement. There is a full-width one-story wood porch with a flat roof across the facade, which replaces the original one-bay Greek Revival entrance portico. The porch posts (4) are presently covered with shingles. The entrance is in the central bay. There is an 8-paneled door with sidelights (now boarded up) and a 5-pane transom. All of the windows on the house are double-hung sash, 6 panes over 6, and none presently have louvered shutters. (When the original clapboard was exposed, all of the windows on the house were shuttered.) The center window on the second story is flanked by narrow 2/2 double hung sash sidelights.

There is a box cornice which is bracketed; there are ornamental pendants at the corners. The roof is a low hip of standing seam tin. There was originally a cupola on the roof deck. There is chimney within each side elevation wall.

There are no windows on the northeast elevation. On the first story of the southwest elevation there are two; there is one in the rear bay of the second story. None have shutters. The original arrangement of this elevation, including the 2-bay L-wing, appears to have been four windows on each story, all shuttered.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this house waits on its restoration. If it is restored to its original form with clapboard exterior, L-wing, louvered shuttered windows, Greek Revival entrance portico, and cupola, it will become an extremely handsome small scale, essentially Greek Revival, show piece. It is of the same vintage and style as the Burchinal House within view across Maple Avenue, which will add to the interest of both buildings. It is hoped that its example will encourage more restorations at its end of Queen Street, where there are ^{are} several attractive nineteenth century buildings. ^{more}

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See photo in Fred N. Ustilton's History of Chestertown, c. 1900, page 92.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning on the northwest side of Queen Street at the southwest corner of the Methodist Protestant Parsonage lot (128 Queen Street) and running from thence in a southwesterly direction along the northwest side of Queen Street for a distance of 65.5 feet; thence running at right angles to Queen Street in a northwesterly direction for a distance of 199 feet; thence running in a northeasterly direction for a distance of 65.5 feet to the westernmost outline of said Methodist Protestant Parsonage lot and running thence binding on said parsonage lot a distance of 199 feet to the place of beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown

DATE

July, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Summary of Title Search on 126 Queen St.

John W. Collins et al. to John Greenwood JKH 6-576 (1867) \$425
(Trustees of Methodist Protestant Parsonnage)

(A piece of the parsonnage lot (#29) is sold off)

Richard Hynson & James A. Pearce, to Charlotte [Wethered] Wickes SB 1 487 (1875)
(Trustees of contending Greenwood heirs) (recorded in 1880) \$1900.

Thomas & Charlotte Wickes to Maryland Fertilizer & Mfg. SB 8 543 (1886)
(mortgage)

Mortgage assigned to Phil H. Tuck, who foreclosed in 1899.

Phil H. Tuck to John L. Wethered JTD 2 368 (1899) \$2600.

John L. Wethered to Harry R. Graham JTD 14-558 (1907) \$2700.
(Graham picks up additional ~~265~~ 25 feet on southwest side, a piece of Lot #28)

Harry R. Graham and Lida Y. Graham to Miriam J. Hines JTD 27 106 (1910) \$4500.

Frank B. Hines and Miriam to John H. Newman APR 3 48 (1918) \$4250.

John H. Newman and Bessie to Blanche Harwood RRA 7 247 (1926)

Wilbur Ross Hubbard to Etta Ross Hubbard RAS 10 299 (1933).
(as assignee in mortgage foreclosure; Harwoods had a mortgage with Wilbur W. Hubbard)

Etta Ross Hubbard to Wilbur Ross Hubbard RAS 25 563 (1940)

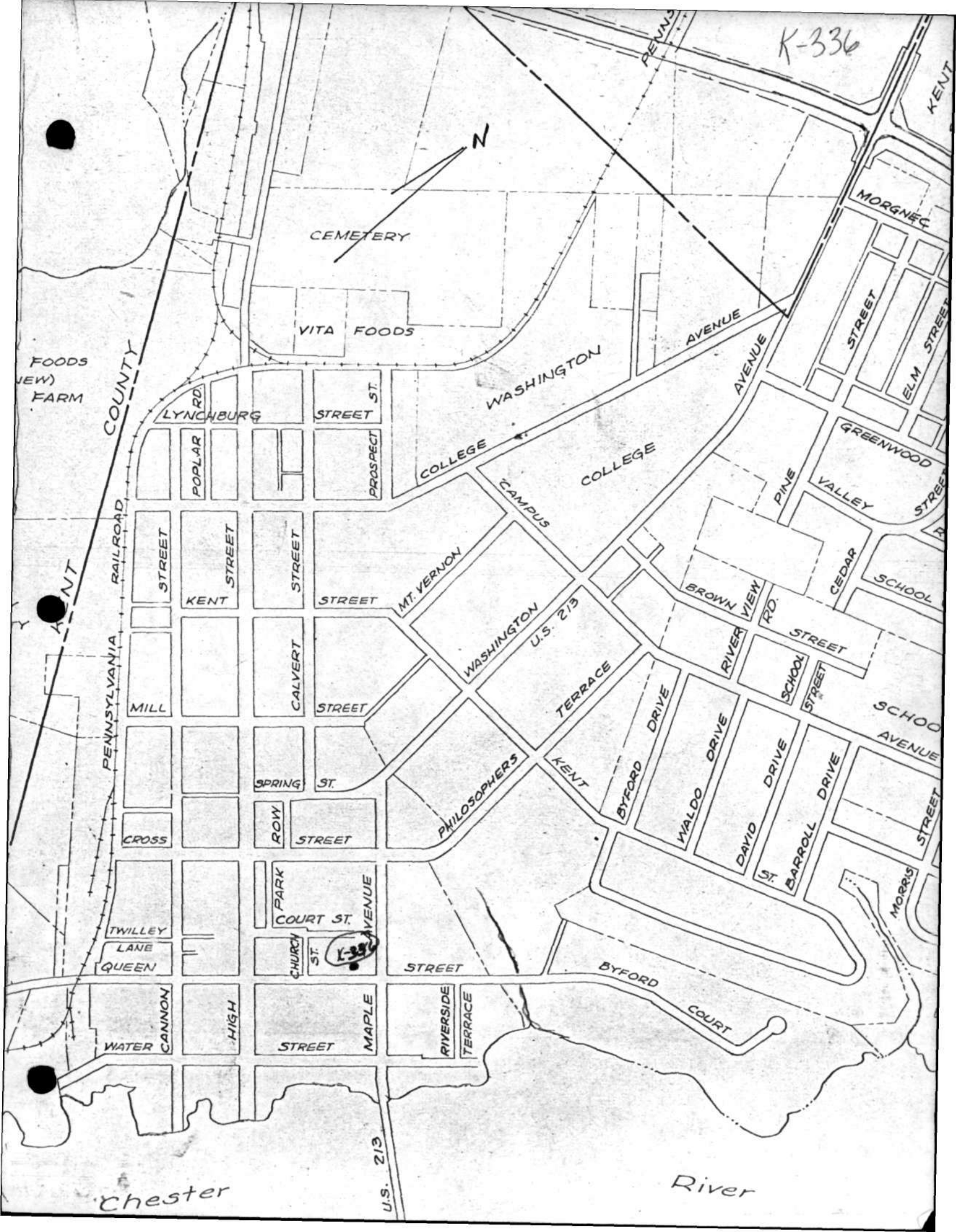
Wilbur Ross Hubbard to John H. Irwin WHG 1 340 (1947)

John H. Irwin to F. Vannort Simperts and Marie WHG 7 43 (1948)

F. Vannort Simperts to Clarence B. Minner WHG 69 427 (1961)

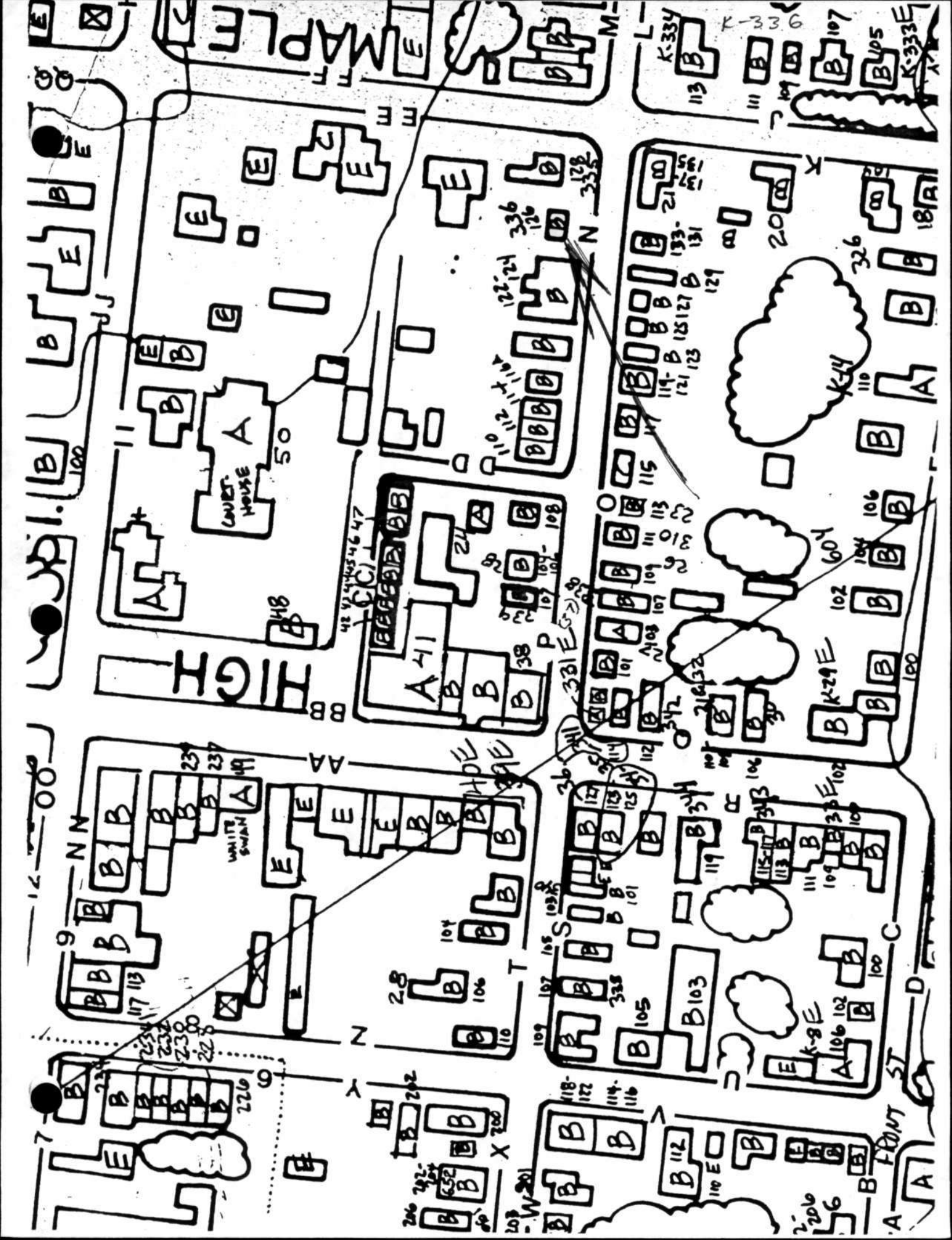
Clarence B. Minner to Preservation, Incorporated. (1976) ~~in process~~.

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River



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126 Queen St.
Chestertown
Chestertown Quad.
Kent County





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126 Queen

1/27 E+S

(A22 to right)



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126 Queen St. to left
1/77 N

(also K 52)